

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Thomas M. Isaacson, Reg. No. 44166, on 11/21/2008.

3. Replace the specification, paragraph [0002] with the following:

[0002] The present application is related to U.S. Patent Application Numbers: 10/530,583, which is now pending; 10/530,582 which is now pending; 10/530,582 which is now pending; 10/530,581 which is now pending; 10/530,577 which is now pending; 10/530,576 which is now pending; 10/530,578 which is now pending; 10/530,578 which is now pending; 10/530,580 which is now pending; and 10/530,575 which is now pending, filed on the same day as the present application. The content of each of these cases is incorporated herein by reference.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior arts of record either alone or in combination does not fairly suggest or teach the claimed invention of a computer implemented method and a system for performing intelligent data pre-staging for a job submitted to a compute environment as

recited in claims 1, 7, and 13, specifically, determining a co-allocation in time reservation by requesting resources for a first step in the job process based on the determined availability and/or the determined data requirements, calculating existing resource guarantees and reservations already in place to create an availability range list, converting the availability range list into a start range list, requesting another resource for a next step in the job process and returning to the calculating step until all resources for all steps in the job process are requested, shifting start ranges in the start range list by an offset and performing an intersection operation on a combination start range, shifting the start ranges back by a negative of the offset, wherein resulting information provides when to start each reservation, presenting to a user a final list of selectable starting times for a reservation, an upon receiving a user selection of a reservation start time, establishing a co-allocation in time reservation for resources for an appropriate start time. Thus claims 1, 7, and 13 are allowed over the prior arts of record.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jennifer N. To whose telephone number is (571) 272-7212. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T 6AM- 3:30 PM, F 6AM- 2:30 PM.

7. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng-Ai An can be reached on (571) 272-3756. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

8. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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